

Readings in the *Madhyama-āgama*

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The lectures held during the summer semester of 2012 covered the chapters 3 and 4 (discourses 21 to 41) of the *Madhyama-āgama*. Audio files of the lectures can be audited or downloaded as mp3 files, together with the respective lectures notes as pdfs, at the links given below for each lecture.

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Lecture 1 covers MĀ 21, followed by a guest lecture by Bhikkhu Bodhi:

MĀ 21 Discourse on an Even Mind (等心經)

Pāli Parallel: untitled AN 2.4.5, PTS ed. AN I 63

please consult Bhikkhu Bodhi (Numerical Discourses) pp. 155-157 (given as discourse no. 36)

[Lecture 2 audio file](#)

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Lecture 2 covers MĀ 22 and MĀ 23:

MĀ 22 Discourse on Being Accomplished in Virtue (成就戒經)

Pāli Parallel: *Nirodha-sutta*, AN 5.166, PTS ed. AN III 192

please consult Bhikkhu Bodhi (Numerical Discourses) pp. 777-780

MĀ 23 Discourse on Wisdom (智經)

Pāli Parallel: *Kaḷāra-sutta*, SN 12.32, PTS ed. SN II 50

please consult Bhikkhu Bodhi (Connected Discourses) pp. 567-571

[Lecture 3 audio file](#)
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Lecture 3 covers MĀ 24 and MĀ 25:

MĀ 24 Discourse on the Lion's Roar (師子吼經)
Pāli Parallel: *Sīhanāda-sutta*, AN 9.11, PTS ed. AN IV 373
please consult Bhikkhu Bodhi (Numerical Discourses) pp. 1261-1264

MĀ 25 Discourse on Water Similes (水喻經)
Pāli Parallel: *Dutiya-āghātaṭṭhavinaya-sutta*, AN 5.162, PTS ed. AN III 186
please consult Bhikkhu Bodhi (Numerical Discourses) pp. 774-777

[Lecture 4 audio file](#)
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Lecture 4 covers MĀ 26:

MĀ 26 Discourse on Gulissāni (瞿尼師經)
Pāli Parallel: *Gulissāni-sutta*, MN 69, PTS ed. MN I 469
please consult Bhikkhu Bodhi (Middle Length Discourses) pp. 572-576

[Lecture 5 audio file](#)
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Lecture 5 covers MĀ 27:

MĀ 27 Discourse to the Brahmin Dhānañjāni (梵志陀然經)
Pāli Parallel: *Dhānañjāni-sutta*, MN 97, PTS ed. MN II 184
please consult Bhikkhu Bodhi (Middle Length Discourses) pp. 791-797

[Lecture 6 audio file](#)
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Lecture 6 covers MĀ 28 and the first part of MĀ 29:

MĀ 28 Discourse on Teaching the Sick (教化病經)

Pāli Parallel: *Paṭhama-Anāthapiṇḍika-sutta*, SN 55.26, PTS ed. SN V 380
please consult Bhikkhu Bodhi (Connected Discourses) pp. 1816-1819

MĀ 29 Discourse by Mahākoṭṭhita (大拘絺羅經)
Pāli Parallel: *Sammādiṭṭhi-sutta*, MN 9, PTS ed. MN I 46
please consult Bhikkhu Bodhi (Middle Length Discourses) pp. 132-144

[Lecture 7 audio file](#)
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Lecture 7 covers the remainder of MĀ 29 and the first part of MĀ 30:

MĀ 29 Discourse by Mahākoṭṭhita (大拘絺羅經)
Pāli Parallel: *Sammādiṭṭhi-sutta*, MN 9, PTS ed. MN I 46
please consult Bhikkhu Bodhi (Middle Length Discourses) pp. 132-144

MĀ 30 Discourse on the Simile of the Elephant's Footprint (象跡喻經)
Pāli Parallel: *Mahāhatthipadopama-sutta*, MN 28, PTS ed. MN I 184
please consult Bhikkhu Bodhi (Middle Length Discourses) pp. 278-285

[Lecture 8 audio file](#)
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Lecture 8 covers the remainder of MĀ 30:

MĀ 30 Discourse on the Simile of the Elephant's Footprint (象跡喻經)
Pāli Parallel: *Mahāhatthipadopama-sutta*, MN 28, PTS ed. MN I 184
please consult Bhikkhu Bodhi (Middle Length Discourses) pp. 278-285

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Lecture 9 covers MĀ 31 and MĀ 32:

MĀ 31 Discourse on an Analysis of the Noble Truths (分別聖諦經)

Pāli Parallel: *Saccavibhaṅga-sutta*, MN 141, PTS ed. MN III 248

please consult Bhikkhu Bodhi (Middle Length Discourses) pp. 1097-1101

MĀ 32 Discourse on Wonderful and Marvellous Qualities (未曾有法經)

Pāli Parallel: *Acchariya-abbhūta-sutta*, MN 123, PTS ed. MN III 118

please consult Bhikkhu Bodhi (Middle Length Discourses) pp. 979-984

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Lecture 10 covers MĀ 33 and MĀ 34:

MĀ 33 Discourse on the Attendant (侍者經)
no Pāli Parallel (cf. Th 1018-1050)

MĀ 34 Discourse by Bakkula (薄拘羅經)

Pāli Parallel: *Bakkula-sutta*, MN 124, PTS ed. MN III 124
please consult Bhikkhu Bodhi (Middle Length Discourses) pp. 985-988

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Lecture 11 covers MĀ 35 to MĀ 40:

MĀ 35 Discourse to an Asura (阿修羅經)

Pāli Parallel: *Pahārāda-sutta*, AN 8.19, PTS ed. AN IV 197
please consult Bhikkhu Bodhi (Numerical Discourses) pp. 1142-1145

MĀ 36 Discourse on Earthquakes (地動經)

Pāli Parallel: *Bhūmicala-sutta*, AN 8.70, PTS ed. AN IV 308
please consult Bhikkhu Bodhi (Numerical Discourses) pp. 1212-1216

MĀ 37 Discourse at Campā (瞻波經)

Pāli Parallel: *Uposatha-sutta*, AN 8.20, PTS ed. AN IV 204
please consult Bhikkhu Bodhi (Numerical Discourses) pp. 1145-1147

MĀ 38 Discourse by Ugga (1st) (郁伽長者經)

Pāli Parallel: *Ugga-sutta*, AN 8.21-22, PTS ed. AN IV 208
please consult Bhikkhu Bodhi (Numerical Discourses) pp.
1147-1149

MĀ 39 Discourse by Ugga (2nd) (郁伽長者經)

no Pāli Parallel

MĀ 40 Discourse on Hatthaka (1st) (手長者經)

Pāli Parallel: *Dutiyahatthaka-sutta*, AN 8.24, PTS ed. AN
IV 218

please consult Bhikkhu Bodhi (Numerical Discourses) pp.
1153-1154

MĀ 41 Discourse on Hatthaka (2nd) (手長者經)

Pāli Parallel: *Paṭhamahatthaka-sutta*, AN 8.23, PTS ed. AN
IV 216

please consult Bhikkhu Bodhi (Numerical Discourses) pp.
1152-1153